In the claims:

Following is a complete set of claims as amended with this Response.

1-28 (Cancelled)

29. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:

transitioning a central processing unit (CPU) of a computer system into a low power mode, the computer system having a memory, ~~and~~

activating a low power subsystem when the CPU enters the low power mode, the low-power subsystem including a low power processor, an external interface and a low power memory;

independent of the CPU, using the low power processor of the ~~a user interface of~~ a low power subsystem to access~~, accessing~~ data contained within the computer system memory ~~through a shared database, the shared database being shared by the computer system and the low power subsystem~~ ; and

providing the accessed data through the external interface of the low-power subsystem.

30. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 29, wherein accessing data comprises accessing data through a shared database of the low-power subsystem, the method further comprising storing at least a partial copy of data accessed from the computer system memory in the shared database.

31. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 29, wherein accessing data contained within the computer system memory comprises accessing data contained within a disk drive unit.

32. (Previously Amended) The method of claim 29, wherein the data contained in the shared database includes multimedia data.

33. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 29, further comprising accessing data from a network via the external interface of the low-power subsystem.

34. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 33, wherein accessing data from the network comprises accessing data from the network ~~is accessed~~ using a wireless interface.

35. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 33, wherein accessing data from the network comprises accessing data from ~~is~~ an electronic store allowing an electronic purchase.

36. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 29, ~~further comprising~~ wherein providing the accessed data through the external interface comprises presenting the data accessed to a user via a display of the external ~~user~~ interface of the low-power subsystem.

37. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 29, ~~further comprising~~ wherein providing the accessed data through the external interface comprises presenting the data accessed to a user via an audio medium of the external ~~user~~ interface of the low-power subsystem.

38. (Currently Amended) An apparatus comprising:

a computer system having a central processing unit, a system memory, a mass storage device, and a user interface, the computer system having a low-power mode;

~~a shared database coupled to the computer system~~; and

a low-power subsystem in operation when the computer system enters the low-power mode ~~coupled to the shared database~~, the low power subsystem having a low power processor ~~with access to the shared database~~, a low power subsystem memory and an external ~~a user~~ interface independent of the computer system, the processor ~~user interface~~ providing access to the computer system when the computer system is in the low power mode and the external interface providing data accessed from the computer system externally ~~through the processor and the shared database~~.

39. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of Claim 38, further comprising a shared database coupled to the computer system and to the low-power subsystem and wherein the processes accesses the computer system through the shared database. ~~wherein the low-power subsystem is in operation when the computer system central processing unit enters a low power mode.~~

40. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of Claim 39 ~~38~~, wherein the computer system ~~further comprises:~~

~~a central processing unit (CPU);~~

~~a~~ memory device comprises a random access memory coupled to the central processing unit, and wherein the computer system mass storage device comprises~~; and~~ a disk drive unit coupled to the central processing unit.

41. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of Claim 40, wherein the shared database is coupled to the disk drive unit, the shared database to store at least a partial copy of data stored on the disk drive unit.

42. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 39 ~~38~~, wherein data contained within the shared database includes multimedia data.

43. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 38, wherein the low-power subsystem external interface ~~further~~ comprises a wireless interface ~~is~~ to connect with a local area network.

44. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 38, wherein the low power subsystem external interface ~~the user interface of the low-power subsystem further~~ comprises a video display to display data from the shared database.

45. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 38, wherein the external ~~user~~ interface of the low-power subsystem further comprises a wireless user interface to receive verbal commands from a user.

46. (Previously Amended) The apparatus of claim 45, wherein the wireless user interface further comprises an audio headset to receive audio data transmitted from the wireless user interface.

47. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 38, wherein the low-power subsystem external interface further comprises an interface to transmit data to a cellular phone.

48. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 38, wherein the computer system comprises a main screen and the low-power subsystem comprises a miniature display screen and wherein the low-power subsystem including the miniature display screen is activated when the main screen is closed.

49. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 38, wherein the computer system comprises stored multimedia data, wherein the low-power subsystem accesses the

stored multimedia data ~~through the shared database~~ and wherein the low-power subsystem presents the multimedia data to a user through the external ~~user~~ interface.

50. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 49, wherein the low-power subsystem presents the multimedia data to the user over a miniature display screen of the external ~~user~~ interface.

51. (Currently Amended) A low-power subsystem comprising:

a miniature display screen;

a user input unit;

a low-power subsystem memory; and

a low-power processor coupled to the miniature display screen, to ~~and~~ the user input unit, and to the memory ~~and to a shared database~~, the low-power processor providing access for the miniature display screen and the user input unit to a connected computer system when the connected computer system is in a low-power mode ~~through the shared database~~.

52. (Currently Amended) The low-power subsystem of claim 51 wherein the processor provides access to the computer system through a shared database, the shared database being a part of the low-power subsystem ~~when the computer system is in a low-power mode~~.

53. (Currently Amended) The low-power subsystem of claim 52, ~~51~~, wherein the shared database is coupled to the computer system to store at least a partial copy of data stored in the computer system.

54. (Currently Amended) The low-power subsystem of claim 51, further comprising a wireless interface to connect to an external network.

55. (Currently Amended) The low-power subsystem of claim 51, further comprising a wireless interface to connect the user input device and the processor.

56. (Currently Amended) The low-power subsystem of claim 51 wherein the user input unit comprises a wireless user interface to receive verbal commands from a user.